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\$100,000 BOND ISSUE ENDORSED

Voters Flock to Polls Tuesday to Show Approval of Issue.

OPPOSITION WAS VERY SLIGHT

Middle of Fall Will See big Start in Improvement on Sewers and Water.

The \$100,000 bond issue submitted to the people Tuesday was carried by a six to one majority, the largest majority ever accorded a proposition of this nature by the voters of the city. The appropriation will be used for the extension of sewer and water mains and for the erection of a municipal pumping station.

Early in the day the vote gave signs of reaching a large total. Many of the working men, who on former occasions had passed by the voting places, came to the polls before they went to work fearing they would be shut out if they waited until the evening. During the afternoon the women property holders in the city turned out en masse and all voted in favor of the proposition. The Civic League had made arrangements to bring every woman voter to the polls and this was carried out in every particular. If the women failed to appear, automobiles were sent after them.

The results of the vote on the bonding issue at the primaries indicated that the voters were awake to the actual outcome in case by any chance the proposition should fail to receive the required number of endorsements. There was a slight opposition to the issue, but so slight that it can hardly be called such. The water bonds according to the law had to receive a two-thirds majority, and in no ward did the opposition come within eight of this number. In the fourth ward there were only seven votes cast against the proposition and in the first, 34. The second and third wards had 19 and 12 negative votes, respectively. The sewer item demanded a simply majority for passage and this was obtained easily.

How soon it will be possible to actually commence on the water improvement in the city is difficult to state. Mayor McKinney and the council having made such an exhaustive study of the situation in Alma during the past three months that it is safe to say that it will not take many weeks to round matters into shape. Probably before the middle of the fall the necessary buildings and standpipes will be under construction. It is understood that the state health board will have a voice in the location of the wells and in that case considerable time will be consumed before a final report can be made to the city. The installation of sewers will continue as rapidly as possible in the city and it is expected that many of those who have been waiting several weeks for sewer conveniences will have them before the middle of the fall months.

Summary by wards:

Vote on Water Bonds
1st ward—Yes, 184; No, 34; Maj. 130
2nd ward—Yes, 102; No, 19; Maj. 83
3rd ward—Yes, 75; No, 11; Maj. 63
4th ward—Yes, 108; No, 7; Maj. 101

Totals . . . Yes, 469; No, 72; Maj. 397

Vote on Sewer Bonds
1st ward—Yes, 196; No, 21; Maj. 175
2nd ward—Yes, 101; No, 21; Maj. 80
3rd ward—Yes, 76; No, 11; Maj. 65
4th ward—Yes, 101; No, 13; Maj. 88

Totals . . . Yes, 474; No, 66; Maj. 408

ANNUAL EXCURSION

Gratiot-Isabella County Sunday Schools Off for Toledo, Sept. 7

The annual Gratiot and Isabella county Sunday school excursion is dated for Thursday, Sept. 7, and will take the celebrators to Ann Arbor, Lakeland, Toledo and Whitmore Lake for the day. The round trip from this city is \$1.50. The special train will leave the union station at 6:45 o'clock arriving in Toledo at 11:45. The evening train will leave Toledo at 7:00 o'clock sharp and will arrive in Alma at midnight. There will be many attractions in Toledo that will use up the few hours spent in that city, among which will be an American Association league ball game between Toledo and Milwaukee.

PICNIC SUCCESS

Seven Branches Represented at Annual Joy Day of Mich. Sugar Co.

Over 700 attended the annual picnic of the Michigan Sugar company at Bay Port, Saturday. Representatives of the Alma branch made the trip as far as Saginaw by automobile and then took the special from that city to the picnic site. Seven factories were represented with large delegations and the entire day was spent in just having a real good time. The Alma branch was able to carry away the base ball cup again by defeating every foe that presented itself as a claimant.

CHANGE IN SEASON

New Federal Law Knocks 15 Days Off State Time for Hunting Ducks

The state game commission was officially notified recently of an important change in the duck shooting laws of the United States. The notification is of an act which became operative August 5th. Duck will not be huntable in Michigan September 1st as the state laws permit and as nearly all duck hunters expect. Instead it will not be lawful to hunt duck until September 15th. The season will close the same as provided in the Michigan statute, December 15th.

The change of the federal law comes after a series of changes by congress as to migratory birds, all of which, with the exception of this last one, Michigan has followed with statutes of her own. The 1915 legislature changed the date of the open season from September 15th to September 1, because congress changed the federal law. Now congress has changed back to the old Michigan date once more.

The new federal law includes duck, coots, gallinules and all shore birds and waterfowl with the exception of plover and woodcock. The latter cannot be hunted legally until 1918.

The game commissioner's office is trying its best to notify everybody who hunt ducks not to sally forth on Friday to hunt the fowl. If they do they are liable to arrest.

STATE WILL INSPECT CITY MILK SUPPLY

Health Officer, Dr. T. J. Carney Says Conditions Warrant Investigation.

A state inspection of the milk supply of Alma will be made within a few days according to an announcement coming from the city health department today. Dr. T. J. Carney has been in communication with the state authorities for several weeks and after laying the conditions before them it was thought necessary to hold an investigation.

The recent investigation of the city milk supply conducted by Dr. Carney brought out such a deplorable state of affairs at the various dairies that the state department was asked to co-operate with the local authorities. Following the state investigation an ordinance will be presented to the council to alter the existing conditions and place the city milk supply under more strict regulations. Dr. Carney is working on the ordinance now and will have it ready by the time representatives from Lansing arrive in the city.

It is anticipated that a milk inspection and a milk ordinance in the city will cause considerable criticism of the health department especially on the part of the dairymen, who say they have been doing everything possible to give the city a healthful supply of milk. The statement is rather depreciated by the health department for the investigation found that none of the dairies were conducted in an up-to-date manner or using modern equipment in carting and distributing of milk. Dr. Carney says that the city is large enough to have stringent milk regulations and that he will see to it that a change is brought about as soon as possible.

Deputy Don Smith has been continuing the campaign along the clean-up line during the past week and reports that conditions are gradually growing better. There was considerable sentiment against the work at first, but most people are beginning to see the advantage of a clean city and are doing their part in making the health campaign a success.

The house instruction cards will be circulated this week by the Civic League committee, appointed to assist Dr. Carney in the house to house canvass. The rules for handling garbage and other refuse are explained in a very satisfactory manner and should assist very much in the campaign for a clean city. The regulations are given below:

1. Every household must be provided with a garbage can fitted with a fly-tight cover. The same must be washed after each dumping.
2. All garbage cans shall be left at a convenient place, preferably near the alley, suitable for easy and convenient collection.
3. No refuse from the house such as tin cans, broken dishes, ashes, paper or old clothes or any other material that is not suitable for feed for swine, shall be put in the garbage can.
4. All tin cans, broken crockery and other house refuse not included under the head of garbage shall be kept in a separate container, and not deposited in a pile.
5. All householders are requested on emptying tin containing canned food, to rinse the same before throwing them in the container.
6. No perishable matter of any kind shall be allowed to remain exposed on any part of the premises.

Board of Health.

NOTICE

If you have any cast off clothing, pieces of furniture, shoes, carpets, papers or magazines the Salvation Army will be very glad to use them in their winter relief work. Please call or notify Captain Lamont or Mrs. Lamont, 311 Prospect avenue.

ILLINOIS FARMERS HOLD PICNIC

Annual Affair Celebrated at Weese Hall Saturday—400 Attend.

W. J. ORR PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Discussed Bean Raising in County at the Afternoon Meeting.

Despite all efforts of the weather man to put the damper on the annual Illinois picnic last Saturday over 400 loyal sons of the prairie state gathered in Weese hall for the big feast of the year. For six years the Illinois people have celebrated with a picnic, announced to be held in Wright park, and just as regular as the clock the weather man has gotten busy for this particular occasion and ordered showers and actually got them every time. But the rain had no effect other than to crowd the joyful company into Weese hall, and for part of the morning and all the afternoon Gratiot county's adopted sons and daughters talked about Illinois and sang Illinois to their hearts' content.

At noon the dinner, which was announced to be a basket affair, was spread on two long tables down the middle of the hall and for two hours and a half relay upon relay was ushered into the banquet hall until every last youngster had his fill.

W. J. Orr, president of the Michigan Bean Jobbers association, was the principal speaker on the afternoon program taking as his general theme the raising of beans and some of the new ideas that are being brought forward to increase the crop. Mr. Orr is one of the leading authorities on bean raising in the state and gave the Illinois people many valuable suggestions.

Others who participated in the program were: Miss Elmore Putman, Lyle Besore, Miss Ruth Palmer, Miss Ruth White and H. C. Moore. The program was in charge of C. F. Hainline, president of the Illinois association.

There are now located in Gratiot county alone somewhere in the vicinity of 500 people, who have migrated to the county during the past eight years. This number represents about 150 families holding farm property and conducting farms in the county. At the picnic Saturday on every hand nothing was heard but praise for the county and the crops that would be harvested this year. Many references were made to the old state during the conversation of the celebrators, but seldom did anyone indicate that he was anxious to get back to the corn belt of Illinois.

The Illinois farmers are satisfied with Gratiot county because they are doing just as well here as back in the old state and further than that the prospects for the future are considerably more tempting than could be expected from the farm lands of the sister state. The crops this season although somewhat hampered in their early growth by weather conditions give promise of attractive results. The wheat, corn, oats, sugar beets, beans, hay, etc., equal any crops that the county has ever produced, average as high as any county in the state and surpass the majority.

Real estate firms in the county state that while they have a big business in farm transferring that very few instances have occurred where Illinois farmers have been ready to give up their lands, which they bought when they first arrived in the county unless it was to secure other lands that were in a better locality and had a better record for producing. The Illinois farmer seems to understand what the soil can do here in Gratiot. Whether it is due to his previous training in the Union or not, the farmer who comes from Illinois in the majority of cases apparently produce better results than local people.

In the matter of price, Gratiot farm lands are not exorbitant. The lands especially in Illinois which were left to come to Michigan, brought enormous prices and hardly produced more or made the farmer any more wealthy than lands in this county. Gratiot county still has land that real estate men are anxious to give over to the right parties, who want to make a change for the better the same as those people who celebrated at the big Illinois picnic last Saturday.

DELEGATES ELECTED

County Convention Will be Held September 12th.

Delegates to the county convention to be held at Ithaca, September 12, were elected at the primaries Tuesday. The delegates from the various wards of Alma are as follows: First ward, James Greene, E. L. Smith, C. F. Brown; second ward, A. W. Brock, D. W. Adams; third ward, C. O. Ward, Charles Ploewman; fourth ward, Francis King, Jotham Allen. The convention will convene to elect nineteen delegates to the Republican State convention at Saginaw, September 28, and the selection of a county committee.

WILL BE INTERPRETER

A. F. Frentsos Leaves for South America Next Week

A. F. Frentsos, who has been employed at the DeLuxe Candy company during the summer, leaves next week for New Orleans where he will join a party of business men enroute for South America. The party will consist of representatives from the Conklin Fountain Pen company of Toledo, Ohio, Toledo Bridge Works, Toledo, Ohio, and Minneapolis Steel Machinery company of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Frentsos will act as interpreter for the party. The trip will be a formal business undertaking for advertising purposes. The first stop will be at Port Gallegos, Argentina. From that city the route will turn north into Columbia, through the Panama canal to Walmala and into Southern California. From California the party will come east to Minneapolis.

WILL KEEP CHILDREN FROM ATTENDING MOVIES

Authorities in State Cities Take Steps to Curtail Spread of Epidemic

Schools in various state cities will not open at the usual time owing to the serious epidemic of infantile paralysis and other cities have forbidden children's attendance at moving picture theaters.

Kalamazoo schools will not open Monday and many other cities have taken similar action. Health Officer Leland of Kalamazoo, a supposed victim of the child plague, is improving. Saginaw's mayor, Hilen F. Paddock, has issued a proclamation asking parents to keep all children from moving picture houses in an effort to check the ravages of the plague there. The movies are believed to be one of the worst spreading places of the disease and the state health authorities ask all cities to take similar action.

With the reports bringing in more than a dozen cases a day the epidemic has assumed serious proportions in Michigan, as the board estimates that but half the cases are reported, owing to the ignorance of the exact nature of the disease and slowness of physicians in making official reports despite the recent stringent ruling calling for the arrest and fining of delinquent doctors.

Bay City reported two more deaths from the plague Thursday and Grand Rapids reported its first adult victim. Public funerals of victims have been prevented through orders of strict quarantine by state health authorities.

Muskegon reported its first case Thursday, as did Hillsdale county. Each day sees the plague reaching some new community and the state health authorities are at a loss as to what steps to take to check the disease. Delaying the opening of schools and placing a ban on movies have so far been suggested.

No action has been taken by the local authorities as yet. The public schools will open Tuesday unless ordered to delay for a few days because of any developments in this county. Mayor McKinney has been consulted upon the matter and is ready to carry out any suggestions. There have been no reports from the surrounding villages of any symptoms of the disease. Local health officers are making a stringent effort to keep the people informed upon the matter.

ISABELLA COUNTY FAIR

Will be Grand Gala Week at Mt. Pleasant

The Isabella County fair which opens September 5th and will continue for our days, promises to be one of the most attractive summer festivals in this part of the state. The management has been working on the fair proposition for several months and announces that no year has witnessed so much enthusiasm over displays and exhibits. The grounds are being completely renovated in preparation for the opening day and several new buildings have been erected.

Chief among the attractions will be the aeroplane flights and balloon ascensions daily the last three days of the fair. Secretary Ayling announces that his contracts have been signed with the aviators and that they call for two flights daily from the fair grounds.

Prospects for some exceptionally exciting races are growing brighter and the new grand stand now in the process of construction will afford much more comfortable accommodations for the crowd. The purses amount to \$2,100.

The premiums on horses, cattle, sheep and swine have been made more attractive than usual and should bring some fine exhibits.

CHEVROLET CUT PRICES

W. A. Borton, distributor for the Chevrolet Motor company in this city and vicinity, announced this week that model 490 will sell complete with starter and lights, f. o. b. Flint for \$490.00. Already the reduction is being taken advantage of and Mr. Borton expects a large fall sale. The Chevrolet people state that the car has not been altered in the least, but they are able to make the cut because of their equipment and production.

GIVES FARMERS LONG TERM LOANS

Rural Credits Bill Allows Farmers to Borrow Money for Forty Years.

NO LOANS BUT TO FARMERS

Twelve Banks in Country Each Will Have \$750,000 Capital.

The rural credits bill, as explained by members of the federal commission, which met farmers and bankers at Lansing last week, is to throw the credit system of the country open to the farmer on a liberal and attractive basis.

The board is making a tour of the United States for the purpose of obtaining information on which to base its first important work, which is to divide the country into 12 bank districts with a federal land bank in each.

Under the provisions of the act it is possible for the farmer if he so desires to borrow money for 40 years with the privilege of repaying the same in small installments. More than this he will not have to pay more than 6 per cent on the loan. The plan permits the farmer to pay off his mortgage gradually and in amounts fixed by himself.

No loans are to be made to any person who is not at the time, or expects shortly to become engaged in the cultivation of the land mortgaged. Thus the advantages of the farm loans act are of a nature which will appeal to the farmer, or those about to engage in farming.

The act provides that when a federal land bank has loaned \$50,000 to farmers it may issue a corresponding amount of farm loan bonds, and that the total that may be issued by any one bank on a minimum capital of \$750,000 is to be 20 times that capital. This would give each bank \$15,000,000 and the whole system \$100,000,000 to loan on first mortgages. Farm loan bonds are to be made attractive by payment of not more than 5 per cent interest and a provision that they shall be exempt from federal, state or municipal taxation.

What the farm loan aims to accomplish is to permit the farmer, like the merchant and manufacturer, to obtain money at fair and reasonable rates of interest; to enjoy the money over a long period and repay it in small installments; to protect farmers from loan sharks; to make it possible for renters to become owners of farm lands; to encourage farming on a larger scale, and pave the way for real co-operation among agriculturists; to encourage farming in undeveloped regions; to relieve the large percentage of farmers of the country from the worry and despair they now are under as the result of the financial struggle existing at present; to bring together the farmer who wants to borrow the money and the investor who has some savings to loan and reliable security, and to relieve the farmer from money scarcity.

Each of the 12 farm loan banks to be established under the terms of the act have a minimum subscribed capital of \$350,000 before beginning business. The capital stock of each bank is to be divided in 5 shares of \$5 each and may be subscribed for and held by any individual, firm or corporation, or the government of any state or the United States. The capital stock, surplus, mortgages and farm loan bonds and all income derived is exempt from federal, state, municipal and local taxation.

The banks will not loan directly to the farmer, but through the agency of national farm loan associations, which may be organized to any number in a land bank district by 10 owners of farm lands. Loans will be made only on first mortgages on farm property, and the value of the land will be the first consideration. Loans will be made only for the purchase of land or its improvement; for the purchase of live stock equipment or fertilizers; to provide buildings; or to liquidate indebtedness existing when the first association was formed in the district where the land is located. This latter feature will enable farmers, now burdened with debt, to pay off obligations which are saddling them, with money obtained through their own association at a reasonable rate of interest.

CAUSING SOME FRICION

Since the American Transfer company started the hourly schedule between this city and St. Louis numerous purchasers have made regular calls at the stores in Alma. When parties have stepped out of the transfer bus at St. Louis with their arms full of bundles it has caused considerable wild talk in our neighboring town. We can all remember when St. Louis stores made it attractive for Alma people, but the tables have evidently turned.

NOTICE

The post office will be closed on Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day celebration. The office will be opened between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 in the morning.

JOINS AN AGENCY

P. H. Bruske Becomes Member of Power, Alexander & Jenkins Co.

Paul Hale Bruske, who has been connected with the advertising departments of the Studebaker and Maxwell companies, has joined the staff of the Power, Alexander & Jenkins company of Detroit. In his new connection he remains in charge of the advertising of the O-S-Ezy Products company.

Prior to his work in advertising which dates back to 1910, Mr. Bruske was prominent in Detroit newspaper work as a writer of sport.

Mr. Bruske is the son of Dr. and Mrs. August F. Bruske. He graduated from Alma college with the class of 1898.

D. H. GRADY MARRIED

Announcements of the marriage of Mr. D. H. Grady to Miss Ruth Emily Porter at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Porter, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, were received in this city this week. The at home cards say that Mr. and Mrs. Grady will take up their residence at 1140 Maple avenue, Evanston, Illinois, after September 20th. Mr. Grady is very well known in Alma. For two years he was athletic director at Alma college while during the summer vacations he was engaged in business in the city. Mr. Grady is now engaged in the law profession at Evanston.

ALMA GETS FIRST TASTE OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Women Voters Turn Out En Masse and Help Pass Bonding Issue.

Alma had her first real taste of woman suffrage at the primaries, Tuesday, and actually enjoyed it. There were a few objectors, who haven't been educated to the new school, sort of nosing around back and forth from the voting places, in order to find some mistakes that the fair ones might make, but contrary to their expectations the ladies were prepared and knew just how to fold that vote right. In very few instances were any of the women voters asked to redo their ballots. There have been other propositions in past years on which the women had the right to vote, but until Tuesday not a great deal of interest had been manifested.

The issue before the people was one that interested every property holder and joint property holder. If Alma turned the water and sewer proposition down it would go down as a disgrace and every woman voter appreciated that more than anyone else. At the registration Saturday the board was kept busy from morning until night registering women voters and it was conceded Saturday night that the bonding issue would carry by a big majority if the women used their influence at home and abroad.

It was interesting to note the time of day that most of the women cast their votes. Anti-women suffragers have always said that if women had the ballot the morning dishes would never be washed until the next day and that on election day the house would look like a nightmarish because the housewife had to go to the polls. Local women took the affair as a matter of course. In the morning they straightened the house, did their baking and cleaning, got the head of the family his dinner and washed the dishes. Then near the hour of three, dressed to suit the occasion they sallied forth and swooping down upon the unsuspecting members of the election boards, received their ballots very graciously, voted yes for the bonding issue and returned to their tattering. It didn't take them very much time and they didn't have to seek any great amount of assistance from the board members as some of the regulars do. It was stated, Tuesday, that meals were served on time at every house in the city and every house received as much attention as usual. The men rather enjoyed the affair. Anyway the bonding issue was passed and the women voters did their part of the work.

BEAN JOBBERS GATHER

Annual Meeting Here has Program of Prominent Speakers

Central Michigan Bean Jobbers association will hold its annual meeting in Alma, Tuesday, September 5. During the morning a business session will be held at the city hall which will be followed by a banquet at the Odd Fellows temple. A program of speakers has been arranged and some very prominent men from within and outside the state will be present. Among the speakers are Hon. F. A. Dean of Charlotte, W. I. Nelsky, general agent of the Kanawha Dispatch, Toledo, F. A. Butterworth, assistant general agent of the Pere Marquette railroad, Chicago. All parties interested in this association are urged to come to this annual meeting and enjoy the big banquet that is being prepared by the local committee.

BAPTIST PICNIC

The regular summer picnic of the Baptist Sunday school was held at Fox's grove, north of St. Louis, Tuesday. Several automobiles conveyed the members of the school to the grounds. An excellent time was reported by all.

G. O. P. PICKS BAD AXE MAN

Sleeper Nominated for Governor with Plurality of 7,896.

NAME TOWNSEND AND FORDNEY

Damon Defeats Smith in State Senate Race—County Officers Renominated.

In one of the biggest Republican turnouts at the poles in years Albert E. Sleeper of Bad Axe was nominated Tuesday for governor with a plurality of several thousand over Frank B. Leland of Detroit. Gerrit J. Meikema of Holland ran a poor third and Washington Gardner followed him with a trifling over 25,000 votes. This report is the result of the vote in 75 out of 83 counties and it is expected that Sleeper's plurality will grow when the final returns come in.

Sleeper surprised the Leland men considerably by the strength he had in Wayne county. It was stated last week by Leland men that Sleeper would run big through the state, but in Wayne it was thought he would receive very little support. Although there are several Wayne county pre-state counties, there is no fear expressed at Sleeper's headquarters that the present plurality will be cut.

Loren D. Dickinson of Charlotte was nominated lieutenant governor over David E. Heinemann of Detroit, his nearest competitor. Wayne county gave Heinemann considerable support, but the counties out in the state turned the vote to Dickinson. Gordon, Bohn and Ogg did not figure seriously in the race.

Charles E. Townsend of Jackson was nominated for United States senator by a large majority. Mr. Townsend carried nearly every county in the state. William H. Hill of Detroit, who opposed Townsend, received very little support in his own county. Throughout the state in certain districts he made a fair showing. Townsend's majority is thought to be over 50,000.

In the 8th congressional district race Joseph W. Fordney easily received the nomination of the Republican voters over William J. Cone. Fordney's majority in this county and also in the district is conceded to be the largest ever given a candidate. Some of the precincts went solid for him.

The race for state senator between John A. Damon of Weidman and Newell Smith of St. Louis resulted as expected. Damon received the nomination by a respectable majority. In Isabella county Damon was given a majority of 700 while Mecosta gave him over 600. Gratiot county gave Newell Smith a slight majority, but so slight that it made little difference in the final count.

Harry C. Rose of Ashley received the nomination for state representative from this county. Richard Hughes of Ithaca and W. C. Mallory of Elwell gave him a close race in several sections of the county, but it was not strong enough to tear down the Rose following. The majority for Mr. Rose was 153.

The county officers were all renominated without any trouble although in several of the offices it was expected that there would be some opposition.



HARRY A. HELMER, '08
Alma's First Graduate Coach.

LECTURE

Prof. Sarka B. Hrbkova, head of Slavonic language department, University of Nebraska, will lecture in St. John's Guild room, Wednesday evening, Sept. 6th, at eight o'clock. Subject, "Through Slavic Lands." The lecture will be properly illustrated by stereopticon slides. Tickets 35 cents and 15 cents for children.

HOLD ANNUAL REUNION

The fifth annual reunion of the 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry will be held at Flint, Thursday, September 14th, 1916. The officers in charge are: President, W. H. Bailey, Co. H. Flint; vice president, Rufus Ranney, Co. C. Flint; secretary, Robt. Anderson, Co. A. Maple Rapids.